

(c) to (e) Development of tourism infrastructure is a continuous process and it is primarily the responsibility of the State/UT Governments. However, financial assistance is provided by the Central Government on the basis of specific proposals received from the States subject to availability of funds and relative merits. During the current financial year, the State Government of Rajasthan submitted two proposals for augmenting tourist facilities in the State. Both these proposals have been sanctioned.

International Airports

202. **SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA** : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the places where international airports are located at present and the criteria adopted for their establishment ; and

(b) the time by which Sanganer airport would be converted into an international airport ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) Delhi, Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and Trivandrum. The broad criterion for establishment of international airports is the regional international traffic emanating from that area that would commercially attract international scheduled carriers and justify the massive investment required for building or upgrading an airport to international standards.

(b) There is no such proposal under Government's consideration.

[English]

Electrification of Railways Lines on S. E. R.

203. **SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI** : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of railway tracks electrified till date in the country (both broad and metre gauge) ; and

(b) by when the tracks on Khurda Road and Kharagpur divisions of South-Eastern Railway are likely to be electrified and the details of the scheme thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) 28.7% of Board Gauge.

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16.2% overall.

(b) At present, there is no proposal to electrify any further sections on Kharagpur or Khurda Road Divisions of South Eastern Railway.

Railway Line from Talcher to Gopalpur (Orissa)

204. **SHRI LOKANATH CHOUHDURY** : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Orissa government have submitted a proposal for the construction of a railway line from Talcher to Gopalpur for transport of coal to Southern region for thermal power stations ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Railway has been asked to carry out a quick reappraisal survey for Talcher-Berhampur-Gopalpur Port railway line.

LPG Agencies and Petrol Pumps in Kerala

205. SHRI RAMESH CHENNI-THALA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

The names of places where LPG agencies and petrol pumps are proposed to be started in the Eight Five Years Plan in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): No programme for LPG distributorships and retail outlet dealerships is planned Statewise for the five year plans.

Shatabdi Express from Trivandrum to Bangalore

206. SHRI RAMESH CHENNI-THALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start a Shatabdi type express train from Trivandrum to Bangalore; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Free Travel Railway Passes

207. SHRI SYED SHAHABUD-DIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway passes for free travel issued during 1990-91, month-wise and category-wise;

(b) the number of such passes valid upto 1 April, 1990, category-wise;

(c) the number of such passes cancelled during this period;

(d) whether any rules have been framed to regulate the issue of such passes; and

(e) if so, the criteria adopted therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A Statement is attached.

(b) The number of Passes valid as on 1st April, 1990 is as under:—

First AC	.	.	.	1
First Class	.	.	.	55
Second Class	.	.	.	1
Total	.	.	.	57

(c) Out of 57, 13 Card Passes were not renewed.

(d) and (e) Complimentary Card Passes are granted by the Ministry of Railways to eminent persons, organisations devoted to social, cultural, scientific, literary, sports and educational activities of 'All India Character' etc. Such Passes are issued based on these guidelines/merits of each case.